

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The replacement sheet in the Appendix includes changes to Figure 1. In Figure 1, the previously included element numbers 804, 805, 806, 809, and 810 that are not mentioned in the specification have been deleted.

REMARKS

The specification and Figure 1 have been amended to make editorial changes therein.

The indication that claims 3, 7, 11, and 15 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the previously pending claims have been replaced with new claims 17-20 that include the V-shaped polarized light combiner of the allowable claims.

The new claims are believed to be allowable because the applied art does not disclose a V-shaped polarized light combiner with two light receiving surfaces at 45° to optical axes of the incident polarized light beams, where the light receiving surfaces transmit or reflect the polarized light beams incident thereon depending on the type of the polarized light, and where the combiner combines the incident polarized light beams into a single direction for emission therefrom.

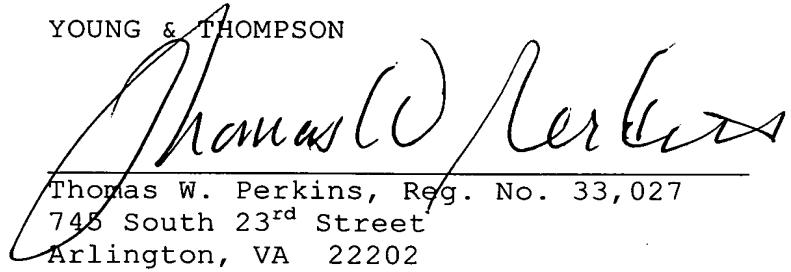
The Official Action objects to the form of claims 1-16 and objects to claim 14 as being a duplicate of claim 10. The new claims were drafted bearing these criticisms in mind and the new claims are believed to be proper as to form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item:

- one replacement drawing sheet